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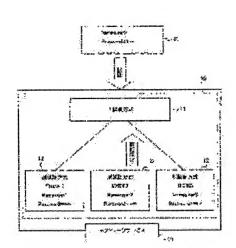
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(54) USER AUTHENTICATION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NETWORK SYSTEM



(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To authenticate a user which is registered for one or more authentication system of a network system having a plurality of authentication system as a user of service when the network system provides the service for the user.

SOLUTION: A user authentication system 10 has a plurality of subordinate authentication systems 121 to 123 for authenticating a user whose user information is previously registered including the user name and a main authentication system 11 which is connected to access the subordinate authentication systems 121 to 123. The main authentication system 11 when providing network server 20 for the user 30 inquires authentication from the subordinate authentication systems 121 to 123 at an authentication request of the user 30 including at least the user name and authenticates the user as a user of the network service 20 when the user is registered for one or more subordinate authentication systems.